

111 Second Street (Commercial Building)  
Monongahela  
Washington County  
Pennsylvania

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**Location:** 111 Second Street, City of Monongahela, Washington County, Pennsylvania

USGS Monongahela, Pennsylvania Quadrangle  
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates 17.591  
400.4450 360

**Significance:** Originally built in 1900 as a two story brick structure. Later, the building at 111 Second Street was expanded into its present five story condition. The fifth floor has a Mansard in front. Used as the Monongahela House Hotel in the early 1900's, it became an important stopover point for immigrants headed south and west. Frank Keller, who helped to design the Los Angeles City Hall, designed the upper three story addition with dormers for this structure.

**Description:** The building at 111 Second Street is five stories high with red pressed brick on all four sides. The building's first floor is 28 feet wide and 100 feet long. The second story is twenty-eight feet wide and 83 feet long. The third and fourth floors are 28 feet wide and 73 feet long and the top floor is 28 feet wide and 50 feet long. There are brick pilasters at the two front edges in the first three floors which become guoins in the fourth floor. Each floor contains three additional stone string courses evenly spaced between floors.

On the third floor there are dressed stone string courses at lintel and sill levels. The third floor sills are part of a brick dressed stone string course below which are brick dentils. Decorative brick work includes corbeling between third and fourth floor and between fourth floor and cornice. Above the fourth floor is a pressed metal boxed cornice with large

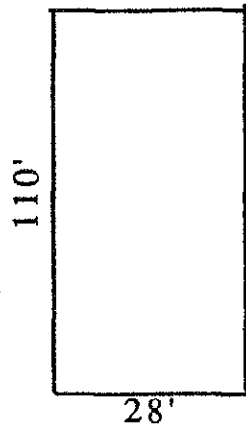
pressed metal brackets at each end, capping off the pilaster. The top floor has a mansard roof across the front only with two hip-roofed dormers.

**History:** According to records of the Monongahela Area Historical Society, Henry Sutman built what was originally a two story red brick structure in 1900. He then opened Sutman's Confectionary and Bakery on that site. Mr. Sutman's bakery catered hot meals and baked goods to the local mines and factories. In 1909, the building was expanded to its present day five stories. Frank Keller was the architect who designed this addition, and he later became a major influence on the design of the Los Angeles City Hall. In 1911 the building became the Monongahela House, a hotel serving mostly immigrants passing through the area. In 1921, Henry C. Sutman and Company sold the property to Joseph Moskovitz who sold it to R. L. Elwood in 1922. Later in 1922, Susanna Lazzari sold the property to Israel Ginsberg who converted the building into Ginsberg Furniture Company. In the late 1930's the building was made into "Hook's Bar" operated by Joseph "Hook" Montana. Then in 1943, after a sheriff's sale, Sarah Passarello purchased the property and opened the Second Street Grill. In the 1950's, the building became the Blue Goose Tavern and in the 1960's, the Hickory Grill. In 1968, Sarah gave the property to Alex Passarello, the owner of the property as of 1989. The last business to appear at this location was Vinnies Pizza Parlor which closed in the early 1970's.

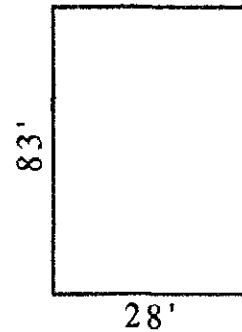
**Source:** The Monongahela Area Historical Society

**Historian:** Sally Kearman, Monongahela Area Historical Society  
September 15, 1989

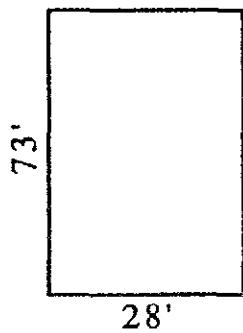
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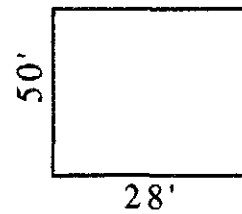
Second Street  
(First Floor)



Second Street  
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Second Street  
(Third and Fourth Floors)



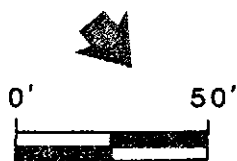
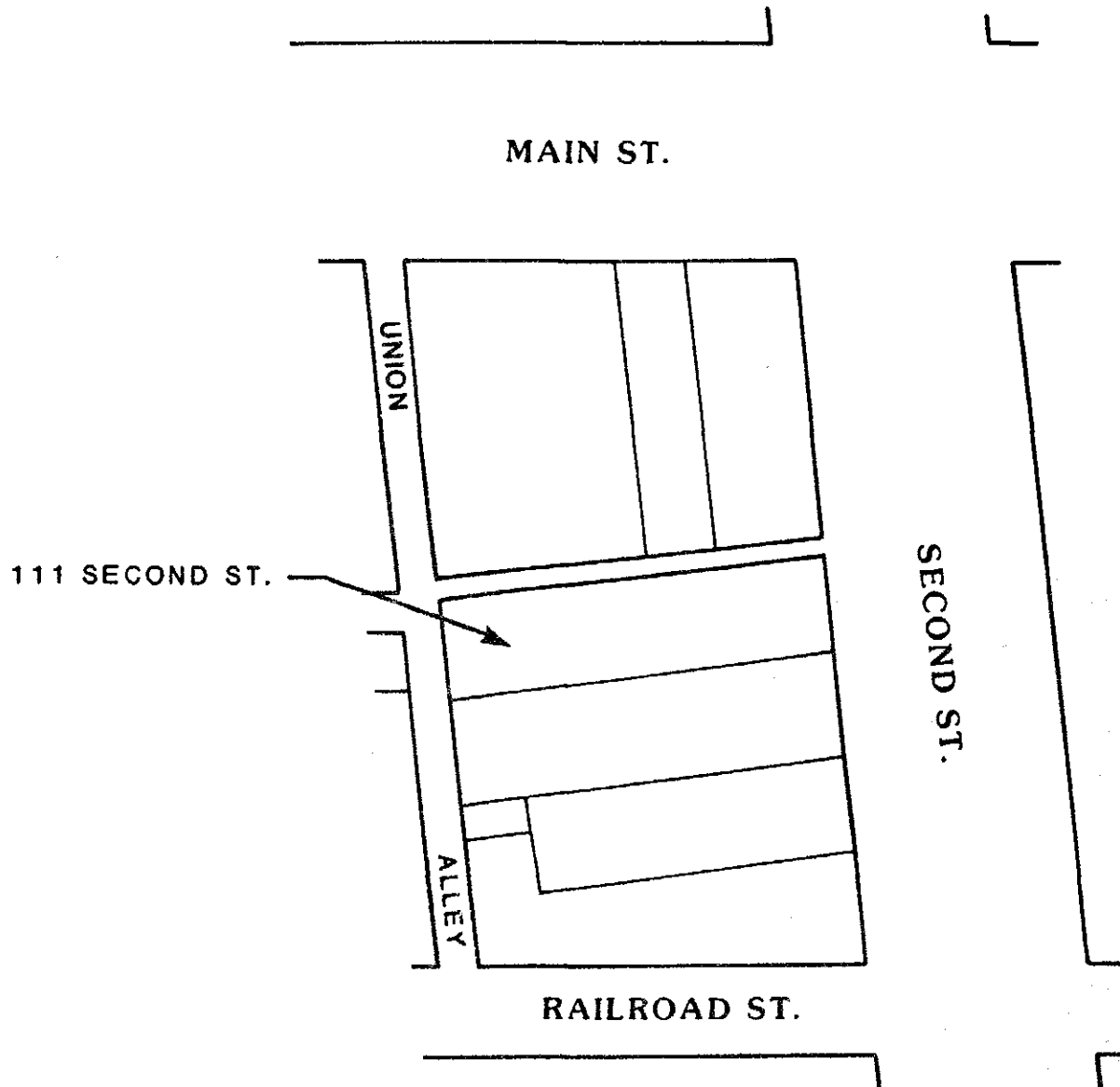
Second Street  
(Fifth Floor)

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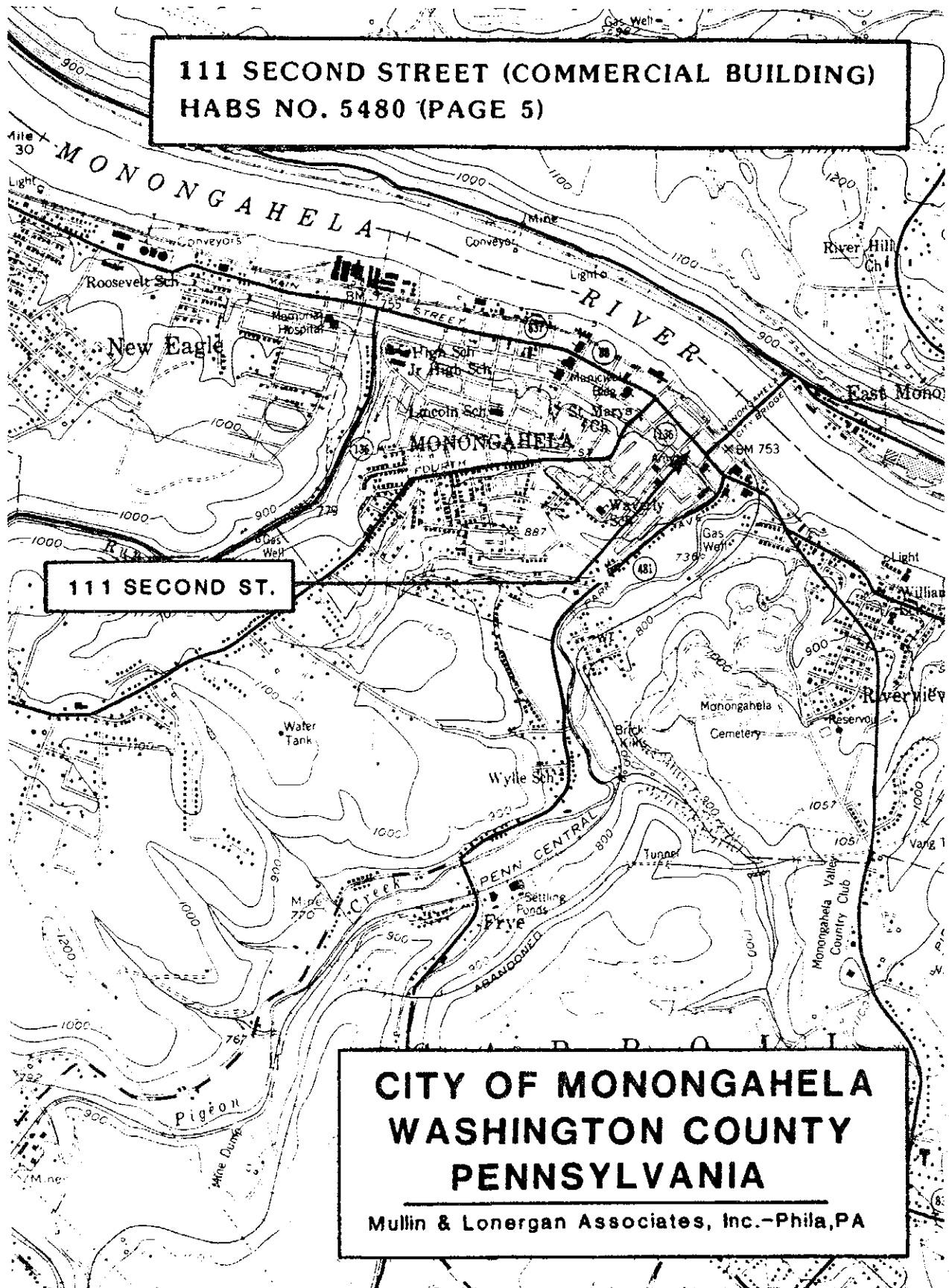
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